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To: Moraff, Kenneth [Moraff.Ken@epa.gov]
CC: Lindsay, Jane [lindsay.jane@epa.gov]
Subject: Call w brad Campell - RE: GLSD co-digestion issue

If you could Jane pls get me a 15 min call w Brad on Thursday or Friday afternoon (I'll be driving to PA) that works.

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From: Moraff, Kenneth
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Subject: GLSD co-digestion issue - as discussed

Here's Jason's email, and below it is a CLF newsletter that lays out their position (in the first paragraph).

I'm doing a followup call with Stephanie Cooper tomorrow to find out where they are on this.

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From: Turgeon, Jason
Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2018 12:03 PM
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Subject: FW: Zero Waste Project Friends Updates [EPA action required]

Hi Cynthia and Jeff,

I've updated you both recently about CLF's attack on the codigestion of food waste with biosolids. EPA regionally and nationally has been working to promote this concept for over a decade and we are wrapping up a life cycle study with ORD on the project at Greater Lawrence Sanitary District.

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DEP called me on Tuesday asking for assistance as they work to counter CLF. GLSD has asked me for assistance several times. Today I found out that CLF is planning to attend a hearing in Cambridge on Tuesday, 10/9 (see below) where they intend to try to persuade the city to undo its contract that sends their food waste to GLSD's new digester facility.

GLSD intends to attend this meeting. I expect DEP and possibly DOER will also attend. Cheri Cousens at GLSD is likely to make a formal request of Alex Dunn that EPA also attend and speak on this issue.

Any guidance you can give on how to proceed would be appreciated.

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Thanks,

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Subject: FW: Zero Waste Project Friends Updates

From: Kirstie Pecci <kpecci@clf.org>
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2018 5:12 PM
To: Kirstie Pecci <kpecci@clf.org>
Subject: Zero Waste Project Friends Updates

Please find my most recent Zero Waste Project Friends update below. Please let me know if you'd like to be included on this email list in the future. I usually send out an update once every two or three weeks.

KLP

Welcome, Zero Waste Project Friends! I have so much to tell you about, my brain is breaking!

Updates:

1. **Tuesday, October 9th, the City of Cambridge Council will hold a hearing on composting, recycling, and other Zero Waste issues from 1-3 pm.** Of particular interest to you, my ZW Friends, will be what is happening to Cambridge's food waste – **right now it is being processed with sewer sludge in North Andover** (which is totally bone headed). Please [read this Globe article](#) explaining what a great job Cambridge is doing diverting its food waste (they are!), and a [letter to the editor](#) by Laura Orlando, sewer expert extraordinaire, explaining why processing it with sewer sludge is bone headed (it is!). I will let you know where the hearing will be once we hit October. **Please attend! Tell your friends, especially those who live in Cambridge!**

2. **Coventry Landfill (VT) expansion permit still on hold and PFAS found in groundwater monitoring.** Ever seen pissed off Canadians? No, me neither. Sounds like there were some in Vermont last week, however! DUMP, a grassroots group of Canadians and Vermont residents, held a public meeting with 150 reported attendees (!?!) to get some answers about the Coventry Landfill! Of course CLF's **brilliant and persuasive Jen Duggan made two great points at the meeting**, as described in this [article](#): 1) Approval of any expansion should be pushed back until the state fully implements its universal recycling laws in 2020 (67% of VT's waste can be recycled or composted according to a 2013 audit); and, 2) Now that VT knows there is PFAS contamination in the groundwater around the lined and unlined portions of the landfill, VT needs to figure out a plan to investigate its origins and remediate it before any expansion is allowed. I love me some Jen Duggan! She's so smart!
3. **Town of Bourne Landfill expansion is now being reviewed by the Cape Cod Commission.** The public hearing is officially open, though they have not had a public meeting at which citizens might submit oral or written comments yet. I'll let you know when a meeting is scheduled, and then all my friends in the area can be there (I mean it, Auntie Sheila! I'll pick you up on my way to the hearing).
4. **Expansion of the Fitchburg/Westminster Landfill stopped for now, but still a threat.** As many of you remember, Waste Management planned on buying 85 acres from the Town of Westminster in 2018 on which to expand its landfill. However, first Westminster had to get Bill H.4677 passed because the **land is part of the Leominster Forest and can't be developed until its Article 97 designation is revoked by the legislature!** This effort failed in 2018, but Waste Management plans on re-filing in 2019 to build a "bridge" to new, "reliable solid waste disposal technologies." **This really burns my britches.** You know what really works? **Recycling, composting, and most of all, reducing waste.** How about before we ruin 85 acres of designated open space we reduce waste by 20%-50% by implementing Pay As You Throw across the state and save a lot of money? Read more PAYT throw stories on Waste Zero's website – like what we could do in Massachusetts [here](#), Worcester's success [here](#). Or check out Fall River's more complicated history [here](#). In contrast, read more about Waste Management's plan to make a lot of money expanding a landfill we don't really need, [here](#). Yuck, Waste Management! Yuck!
5. **Check out the latest blog from the ZWP team, Five Ways Cities and Towns Can Slash Trash and Fight Climate Change about the Global Climate Action Summit goals around waste.** We sent our president, Brad Campbell, to the Global Climate Action Summit. This will allow him to connect and coordinate with our sister organizations and partners around the globe, and also get him out of our hair for about a week (you should do the same thing periodically with your boss – last year we sent him to Alaska). Read Brad's piece [here](#) to learn more about the GCAS, and read my piece [here](#) for some ways cities and towns can meet the GCAS waste goals. **Looking forward to seeing you when you get back, Brad, but no need to rush home!**
6. **Yippee! The Zero Waste Project has (kind of) a new guy!** Many of you already know **John Hite**, who started volunteering for CLF about a year ago. Since that time, John has made himself indispensable to the Zero Waste Project, leading our pilot programs and getting a crap-ton of great Zero Waste research and writing completed, not to mention lots of other advocacy work. We finally broke down and hired him (he would not go away – we may have to send him to Alaska, too). For all the deets and a picture of John, see his bio [here](#). **Welcome to the big time, John!**
7. **Massachusetts Sierra Club asked me to ask you . . .** if you wanted to apply to become their Mass Chapter Director. We have to help them, because they are grieving the loss of the amazing Emily Norton, who is now the director of the Charles River Watershed Association. Here's the description of the job - *As Chapter Director, you will develop and manage programs and campaigns, lead public outreach and political advocacy, and collaborate with expert staff and dedicated volunteers to protect our environment, address climate change, and promote social justice. Passionate environmentalism, a commitment to diversity and inclusion, and demonstrated excellence in management, advocacy, fundraising, strategic planning, public speaking, and consensus building are required. For details and to apply, please click [here](#).* I'd love to grow a clone of Emily in my basement and make the clone apply, but I really don't know how to grow good clones. All I've got down in the basement is recycling and a milk snake (it is a

LARGE milk snake, but I don't think it has enough experience for the job, even if it does eat more mice than Emily).
Apply! Unless you work at CLF, in which case, don't apply or Brad will be angry with me when he gets back!

8. **Have you heard of fake grassroots groups, or "astroturfing"?** Seriously, after watching Casella create a "grassroots" group in Bethlehem, NH (Remember, "Believe in Bethlehem," whose Facebook page revealed that they have the same mailing address as Casella's Northeastern Regional Office?) [John Oliver's explanation of astroturfing really hit home!](#) Enjoy!
9. **Rhode Island is hitting plastics hard!** Not only did Governor Raimondo issue an executive order to set up a task force to tackle plastics in Rhode Island (see [story about Governor Raimondo's executive order](#)), Rhode Island is the first state to sign on to the [UN's Clean Seas Pledge](#), and the state has also entered into a voluntary agreement (with the Rhode Island Marine Trades Association and marinas around Newport), [to reduce single use plastic](#). Rhode Island, I am getting pretty excited about all these plastics initiatives, however, my heart has been broken before. This summer, I was really looking forward to [Ocean's 8](#). I loved the premise – Chick heist movie! I love heist movies, and in my heart of heart I want to pull off a heist with all my friends -- Amy Moses, demolitions, [Note: I often equate Amy to a raccoon, because she knows just how to disrupt the waste companies' schemes, like those [raccoons that keep shutting down Wheelabrator Saugus Incinerator](#). Demolitions is a natural fit], Jen Duggan (pickpocket), Auntie Sheila (mastermind), etc. However, it was a terrible movie. Please don't [Ocean's 8](#) me, Rhode Island! I can't live through that kind of disappointment again! Please keep up the good work and let's reduce plastic waste in Rhode Island!

That's all for now, Zero Waste Project Friends! Have a great week and thank you for your support!

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